

BECOME CONSCIOUS OF YOUR WASTE

Landfills around the country are filling up at alarming rates. Much of what goes into landfills can be diverted from our waste stream.

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THINK BEFORE YOU PITCH (AND PURCHASE) BY CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

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RECYCLE ALL RECYCLABLE MATERIALS. Educate yourself about what materials can be recycled and challenge your household to make sure those materials don't get thrown in the garbage. For more information visit www.flagstaff.az.gov/recycle.

PAY ATTENTION TO GOODS AND PACKAGING. Evaluate your purchases and consider how they contribute to your household waste. Buy more durable goods and reusable products. Ask for products with little or no packaging. Buy in bulk.

COMPOST YOUR ORGANIC KITCHEN WASTE. Yard trimmings and food residuals constitute 24 percent of the United States' municipal solid waste stream. Composting your fruits, vegetables, coffee grounds and yard waste makes a valuable fertilizer and reduces the amount of waste going into landfills.

DON'T PITCH HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE. Leftover household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive ingredients are considered to be household hazardous waste (HHW). These include paints, cleaners, oils, batteries, and pesticides. Visit www.flagstaff.az.gov/hazwaste to find out about the FREE residential disposal of these products at the Hazardous Products Center.

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